

IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

RETURN

OF

PROCEEDINGS

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"THE LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACTS, 1881 AND 1887;" "THE
LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1885-1886;" AND "THE
PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACT, 1885,"

DURING THE MONTH OF

FEBRUARY, 1888.

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MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1888.

I.—FAIR RENT.

(a.) *In Court.*

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| Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st January, 1888. | 176,063 | 177,124 | Rents fixed to 31st January, 1888. | 96,453 | 97,779 |
| Applications received in month of February, 1888. | 1,062 | | " in month of Feb., 1888. | 1,326 | |
| Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed to 31st January, 1888. | 22,332 | 22,758 | Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st January, 1888. | 25,599 | 25,827 |
| Applications received in month of February, 1888. | 406 | | " in month of Feb., 1888. | 228 | |
| Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts, under sec. 6, "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," when an ejectment is pending to 31st January, 1888. | 445 | 489 | Applications withdrawn* to 31st January, 1888. | 10,733 | 10,789 |
| Applications received in month of February, 1888. | 24 | | " in month of Feb., 1888. | 26 | |
| Total. | — | 200,331 | Total disposed of. | — | 154,395 |

(b.) *Out of Court.*

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| Agreements out of Court, in Form 33, fixing Fair Rent to 31st January, 1888. | 93,216 |
| Do, do, in month of February, 1888. | 550 |
| Total. | 93,846 |

* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.†

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| Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.): | | | Number disposed of to 31st January, 1888. | 948 |
| Applications received to 31st January, 1888. | 1,225 | 1,332 | " in month of February, 1888. | 14 |
| Applications received in month of February, 1888. | 7 | | | |
| Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present tenancies (Form 31) received to 31st January, 1888. | 186 | 306 | | |
| Applications in month of February, 1888. | 40 | | | |
| Total. | — | 1,438 | Total. | 962 |

† The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, or other issues, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—APPEALS TO FAIR RENT, &c.

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|---|--------|--|---------|--------|
| Number of Appeals lodged to 31st January, 1888, . . . | 24,381 | Number heard to 31st Jan., 1888, . . . | 9,172 | 9,298 |
| " in month of February, 1888, . . . | 428 | " in month of Feb., 1888, . . . | * 121 | |
| | | Number dismissed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1888, . . . | † 1,037 | 807 |
| | | " in month of Feb., 1888, . . . | — | |
| | | Deduct cases reinstated to 29th February, 1888, . . . | 1,037 | |
| | | Number withdrawn to 31st Jan., 1888, . . . | 230 | 11,035 |
| | | " in month of Feb., 1888, . . . | 10,948 | |
| | | | 87 | 21,125 |
| | | Total Number disposed of, . . . | — | 3,674 |
| | | Remaining to be disposed of, . . . | — | 24,809 |
| Total, . . . | 24,809 | Total, . . . | — | 24,809 |

* The Full number of Appeals decided by Court in February, 87.

† In 605 cases the Notices were struck out because cases were not lodged as required by Rule 74, and in 431 cases because the notices were not duly stamped. Of the former 20 cases, and of the latter 178 cases, were reinstated.

IV.—PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1885—1886.

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| Applications received to 31st Jan., 1888, . . . | 1,532 | Rents fixed to 31st Jan., 1888, . . . | 585 | 585 |
| " in February, 1888, . . . | 264 | " in February, 1888, . . . | — | |
| | | Applications dismissed, struck out, and withdrawn to 31st Jan., 1888, . . . | 74 | 100 |
| | | " in February, 1888, . . . | 26 | |
| Total, . . . | 1,836 | Total disposed of, . . . | — | 685 |

V.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTEE TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887,"—SEC. 2.)—FORM 80.

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| Number of Applications received to 31st January, 1888, . . . | 48 | Leases or Grants declared void to 31st Jan., 1888, . . . | — | — |
| " in month of Feb., 1888, . . . | 9 | " in month of Feb., 1888, . . . | — | |
| | | Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1888, . . . | — | — |
| | | " in month of Feb., 1888, . . . | — | |
| | | Applications withdrawn or compromised to 31st Jan., 1888, . . . | — | — |
| | | " in month of Feb., 1888, . . . | — | |
| Total, . . . | 57 | Total, . . . | — | — |

VI.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 88.

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| Number of Applications received to 31st January, 1888, . . . | 8 | Applications granted to 31st January, 1888, . . . | — | — |
| " in month of Feb., 1888, . . . | 1 | " in month of Feb., 1888, . . . | — | |
| | | Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1888, . . . | — | — |
| | | " in month of Feb., 1888, . . . | — | |
| | | Applications withdrawn to 31st January, 1888, . . . | — | — |
| | | " in month of Feb., 1888, . . . | — | |
| Total, . . . | 9 | Total, . . . | — | — |

VII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACT, 1885.

| | Number. | Amount. |
|--|---------|-------------|
| Loans applied for to 31st January, 1888, | 10,871 | £ 4,540,815 |
| " in February, 1888, | 481 | 187,802 |
| | 11,352 | 4,728,617 |
| Loans sanctioned to 31st January, 1888, | 8,869 | 3,602,625 |
| " in February, 1888, | 153 | 54,845 |
| | 9,022 | 3,657,470 |
| Loans issued to 31st January, 1888, | 4,775 | 2,069,650 |
| " in February, 1888, | 285 | 75,477 |
| | 5,061 | 2,145,027 |

Irish Land Commission, }
10th March, 1888. }

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